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SUBJECT: JOHN E. MORGAN INDUSTRIES, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

REF: ABU DHABI 1589 (NOTAL)

1. MR. BOYER, MANAGER OF HOTEL MERIDIEN SHARJAH TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR
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AT HOME LATE AFTERNOON JUNE 6 TO REPORT THAT JOHN E. MORGAN LEFT
SHARJAH NIGHT OF JUNE 3 ABOARD SABENA FLIGHT FOR BRUSSELS AND HAS
NOW BEEN TRACED TO LONDON WHERE HE WENT JUNE 6. BOYER SAID THAT HE
HAS REQUESTED SHARJAH POLICE TO NOTIFY INTERPOL TO ASSIST IN
APPREHENDING MORGAN FOR NON-PAYMENT OF HOTEL AND
TELEPHONE/TELEX CHARGES AMOUNTING TO DOLS 10,000.
HOWEVER, BOYER NOT SURE LOCAL POLICE WILL ACT QUICKLY
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ENOUGH AND INQUIRED IF ANYTHING US EMBASSY COULD DO
TO ASSIST. AMBASSADOR SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO IT BUT
DOUBTED THERE ANY BASIS FOR EMBASSY OR USG TO APPROACH
INTERPOL DIRECTLY ON THIS MATTER AND THAT HOTEL SHOULD
CONTINUE PURSUE ITS INTERESTS THROUGH LOCAL POLICE.

2. FEW MINUTES LATER AMBASSADOR RECEIVED CALL ON SAME

SUBJECT FROM DAVID ZENKEN, ASST MANAGER OF SHARJAH EXPO CENTER, ANOTHER AMERICAN OFFICIAL OF WHICH IS LISTED AS MORGAN'S SPONSOR IN UAE. ZENKEN INQUIRED ABOUT POSSIBILITIES OF HAVING MORGAN APPREHENDED IN US AND WAS REFERRED TO LOCAL FIRM OF AMERICAN LAWYERS FOR ADVICE.

3. FOR LONDON: AMCIT JOHN E. MORGAN US PPT NO G 2580696 RESIDED IN SHARJAH FROM ABOUT MAY 18 TO JUNE 3 WHEN HE LEFT WITHOUT SETTLING HIS HOTEL BILL. WHILE IN SHARJAH MORGAN PLACED ADS IN LOCAL PRESS OUTLINING UNUSUALLY ATTRACTIVE RATES OF RETURN THAT LOCAL INVESTORS COULDEXPECT TO OBTAIN FROM INVESTING IN HIS BID TO OBTAIN CONTROL OF "LAS VEGAS HOTEL PROPERTIES" INCLUDING HOTEL/CASINO, SALE OF WHICH BY ESTATE OF LATE HOWARD HUGHES TO ANOTHER BUYER HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY NEVADA COURT. SHOULD MORGAN CONTACT EMBASSY OR YOU HAVE INFORMATION OF HIS WHEREABOUTS, HE SHOULD BE URGED TO CONTACT MANAGER OF MERIDIEN HOTEL SHARJAH IMMEDIATELY TO ARRANGE FOR SETTLEMENT OF HIS ACCOUNT PENDING WHICH HE MAY HAVE CRIMINAL CHARGES FILED AGAINST HIM.
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